

REMARKS/ARGUMENT


Regarding the Claims in General:

Claims 49-84 are now pending. Claims 1-48 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 49 broadly corresponds to original elected base claim 22 and has been written to better highlight the broad features of the invention. This claim has not been added to distinguish over prior art, and is not intended to be of narrower scope than original claim 22.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

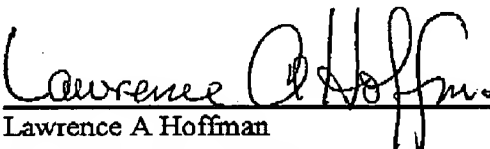
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